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Fire department to unveil display

ANNIVERSARY Celebrating its 125th anniversary, the Calgary Fire Department is unveiling its new airport carousel today to kick off

the year in style. Fire Chief Bruce Burrell and Ald. Ric McIver will be speaking at the unveiling while flanked by fire-rescue dog Laddi, whose primary function is to carry out searches in collapsed build-

The airport display uses larger-than-life mannequins to represent specialty team members carrying out a high-angle rescue, aquatic rescue, hazardous materials cleanup and heavy rescue. It also shows firefighters in regular duty gear carrying out a vehicle extrication.

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Ottawa Funeral held for slain officer



The wife of police Const. Ireneusz (Eric) Czapnik, Anna Korutowska, looks on as his casket is carried from a funeral service in Ottawa on Thursday. Czapnik, 51, was stabbed to death Dec. 29 while doing paperwork in his police cruiser outside a hospital. He was the first officer killed on duty in the nation's capital in more than 20 years.

Citizens pitch in with snow-removal ideas

Alderman's motion includes new parking policies, private clearing

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Allowing private citizens to remove snow and introducing new street-parking policies are just two ideas off a list a city alderman is putting forward to council.

Ward 12 Ald. Ric McIver said he had to get a little more creative with snow-removal options and he hopes council will consider a list of ideas he received from Calgarians.

"The thing I keep hearing from Calgarians is they want better snow removal, but they don't want their taxes to go up to pay for it, so we had to look at some creative solutions," he said, adding the ideas came through phone calls and emails to the alderman.

The list includes allowing citizens with snow-plowing equipment to help out during heavy snowfalls, but McIver knows it will be a tough sell for administration because it's considered

a liability issue.

McIver also wants the city to look into parking options, including rotating parking on alternate nights and changing minimum parking requirements to get vehicles off the road.

City of Calgary transportation spokesperson Derek Heric said from an administration point of view, it would be inappropriate to comment on the motion before it goes to council. "Once

council makes a

decision on it and gives us instructions, then we would be happy to comment on it." he added.

Calgarian Patrick Lavergne said he likes the ideas in theory, but wonders if the city can handle implementing the parking policies without space.

"I think it's a good idea, but where do all the cars go at night? Will they relax with the tickets on residential streets?"

The motion goes to council on Jan. 18.

Gay kiss ad wasn't yanked as it never ran: Transit official

KRISTA SYLVESTER



Online gay magazine Xtra.ca reported Thursday that Calgary Transit had pulled a Virgin Mobile ad depicting two men kissing while allowing an ad with a heterosexual kiss to

That's false, according to transit spokesperson Ron Collins, and this was later confirmed by a retraction on Xtra.ca. The ad with the two men never made it to Calgary bus shelters, contrary to what Virgin told the magazine.

"They never approached us with that ad, it was a misrepresentation," Collins

"After several complaints, we pulled two (heterosexual) ads that we feel were fairly provocative. We left a third that will continue to run."

Fairytales Film Festival director Jessica Dollard said based on a rating classification, all of the photos would have been deemed PG, including the one with two men kissing.

"All of the ads would have been given the same rating, regardless of the gender. There is no skin showing and it's just a kiss," she said.

The remaining ad features a man and a woman kissing as part of the Virgin "Hook Up Fearlessly" marketing campaign.

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"I am being a hypocrite when I say that, because we ... have accepted members crossing over ... that doesn't make it right."



Edmonton Castle Downs MLA Thomas Lukaszuk, left, who said he is crafting a private member's bill to prevent future floor crossings in the Alberta legislature, in the wake of departures by MLA Heather Forsyth and Rob Anderson to the Wildrose Alliance party. METRO CALGARY



Alberta's innovative advertisina

OLYMPICS The Alberta government has reserved at least two trains during the Vancouver Olympics, which will be the only public transit alternative beside provided official Olympic buses running back and forth from the games.

The newly added means of transportation is part of Alberta's

Schedule

million • The government booked the Rocky Mountaineer for rides between couver and Whistler, B.C., from Feb. 12 to 28.

marketing plan to promote the province as a tourism hotspot. On the government's website, it boasts that

riders will

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take in full concierge services and dining options during the trip.

And to help cover some of the expenses, the province has plans to rent out space on the train to companies that are looking for a place to host meetings, or offer up their staff a special treat.

The government has defended the move, and marketing experts have indicated that it's a good way to reach a captive audience on the trains during the Olympics.

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Shovelling snow angels

Pair of kids clear neighbourhood sidewalks, driveways for free

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It started with one sidewalk and then anoth-

By the time Donna Labas returned home from work Tuesday night her 12-yearold daughter Tamara and nine-year-old son Kyle had cleared the snow off of 17 neighbourhood sidewalks and drive-ways in three and a half hours.

"It was so touching to see, they had cleared off all of the neighbour's sidewalks just out of the goodness their hearts. It was so cute. I am so proud," Labas said of her snow angels.

It started with two shovels and the kids were just trying to help out their parents, Tamara said.

"Well, we love being outside and we like playing in the snow. We did our own. and then the neighbours, but then we just kept go-

ing," she said. Three neighbours came



Kyle Labas, 9, and his sister Tamara, 12, took it upon themselves to be snow angels and dug out 17 neighbourhood driveways in Arbour Lake after a recent heavy snow fall in Calgary.

out to thank the kids for their good deeds, but the kids just kept going for

Labas said while she is proud of her kids for what they did, but she isn't surprised with their kindness.

"They love helping people, they love animals and I know they always put others first. Tamara volunteered at doggy care just to help out.

Neighbours were also touched by the kindness including neighbour Vic-

tor Ng.
"I think it was good, it's that they are out there doing something," he said

Amanda Williams said she wasn't sure who shovelled the sidewalk, but was grateful since she's a stayat-home mom.

"I can't believe they did that. It's really amazing. It's nice because I have young kids at home and I can't leave them alone in the house'

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Calgary tweets

Back in Calgary. Prepping for my first official caucus meeting tomorrow. It's so nice to have a team in the legislature!:)

 @Sirthinks @ElectDanielle Team in the #ableg? You mean one seat more than the NDP? Two of them turncoats? What makes you think they won't jump

@SteadyStelmach earned my 77% fair and square, even if a few people had to stay home! Watch, this cabinet shuffle will fix everything. #ableg

• @tjpierce65 ...well that's a first. Just saw a roving band of ninja acordian players running down the street in

Preparation aplenty precedes torch relay

of the Olympic torch relay, there is a lot of preparation that has to go into the festivities before the flame arrives, according to city offi-

City of Calgary event services spokesperson Trish Neufeld said a lot of work had to go into preparing the city for the torch relay far before the announce-ment was made this week.

"I don't know how many hours of preparation exactly, but we had to start at least 90 days before the event. It's a lot of work," she said.

Neufeld said the city's



Macleod Trail will play a central role during the torch run in Calgary Jan. 18, but temporary closures could cause a few traffic headaches along the way.

event services acts as the communication hub for the preparation.

"It's really a co-ordinated effort with a lot of the business units and they all have a significant role and all support one another."

Neufeld said transportation, roads, parks, bylaw and the police all play sig-nificant roles in closing down roads and providing security. She said the city

will also be working closely with the Vancouver Olympic Committee (VANOC).

The Calgary International Airport has already seen Olympic athletes coming into the city carrying their own Olympic torches from different countries, according to a screening officer, and says security will be heightened at the airport during the Olympic ceremonies.

The Calgary police couldn't be reached for comment on security measures. but will play a large role during the torch relay.

KRISTA SYLVESTER/METRO CALGARY

News in brief

HOUSING Calgary's home prices are expected to rise three per cent in 2010, according to a Royal LePage report. Both two storey and bungalow homes saw gains year-overvear, but condo prices fell by 0.4 per cent, the report stated. Inventory shortage is a problem, with only 3,000 homes listed, according to the report. compared with 10,000 listings

in the past.

FUNDING Federal government funding announced Thursday by Calgary East MP Deepak Obhrai will allow the Prospect Human Services Society in Calgary to provide 48 people with intellectual disabilities the chance to gain employment skills. The group will receive \$200,407 under the Enhanced **Employment Assistance Servic-** es program of the Government of Canada.

ARRESTS Calgary police have made arrests in two unrelated alleged frauds, involving suspects going door-to-door and telling stories to obtain money from residents. Randy John May, 40, of Calgary was charged with six counts of fraud and two breaches, and in a separate case, Darrell George Dickman, 46, of Calgary has been charged with three counts of fraud.

PEDESTRIAN Just after 7 a.m. Thursday an eastbound Dodge Caliber struck a pedestrian crossing 9 Ave SE near the Elbow River. The pedestrian was transported to Foothills Hospital with serious injuries, police said.

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RCMP identify body in burning car A body found in a burning car just east of Calgary has been ID'd as 18-year-old Phil Spada, say RCMP. The death is being treated as suspicious. METRO CALGARY



Leo Del Pinto is seen in this undated family handout photo. Ernie Del Pinto says one quick visit to his son's grave renews his determination to make sure whoever killed his son is punished. Del Pinto was shot to death in January 2008 just days after arriving for a vacation in Thailand.

Father holds on for justice in son's death

Case in Thailand only in pre-trial after 2 years

Whenever Ernie Del Pinto feels overwhelmed by two long, frustrating years seeking justice for his dead son in a foreign land, he visits his grave.

"It's draining my energy. You would never believe," the Calgary man said Thursday. "But you know what, I take a trip to the cemetery and I'm like the Energizer bunny. I get energized and I go for another day, full power, and keep on going."

Leo Del Pinto, 25, died af-

ter being shot in the face and chest in a northern Thailand town in January

Defendant

• Uthai was originally released on bail, but was taken back into custody in October 2008. He was released on a technicality and proceedings are underway to put him back behind bars until trial, said Del Pinto's lawyer.

Reisig of British Columbia, was also hit once in the chest but survived.

Thai police officer Sgt. Uthai Dechawiwat, who

was off duty at the time, has

been charged with murder with intent and attempted murder with intent. The case is crawling

through the country's courts. A pre-trial hearing is set to wrap up around April, said Del Pinto.

Del Pinto said he probably won't know the full story of what happened to his son until he hears all the evidence at the trial. But from everything he's heard, it seems to him his son was attacked with little provocation while trying to protect his friend.

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Homeless girls' advocate dies after aneurysm

Tributes are pouring in for a Calgary woman who was known for changing the lives of many young Calgary girls by helping to get them off the streets.

Calgary artist and YWCA Humanitarian of the Year award winner Marsha Ellen Meidow, 34, passed away Wednesday after suffering a brain aneurysm.

Hundreds of her friends, family, and strangers touched by her "selfless work" paid respects to Meidow's Facebook page after learning the news.

Local radio personality James Callsen was one of many people who knew Meidow and said the outpouring of support speaks for itself in what an "amazing" person Meidow was.

"She was an eternal cheerleader. I don't know anyone who had the respect, love and good reputation that she did. Calgary lost a major leader and cornerstone," he said.

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Shh! Big terror trap to spy on millions

Quebec's lottery commission has reached a tentative multimillion-dollar agreement to compensate thousands of addicted gamblers in a class-action settlement. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canada is quietly working on a super system to ferret out airline terror threats.

The electronic system would allow security agencies to analyze the person-al information of every passenger.

It would crunch personal details about more than 200 million people annual-

And it would demonstrate "to the U.S. that Canada remains committed to the security of North

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latest case of civilian casualties in a NATO operation. Scan this code for the full story.

"Work has already begun to review Canada's approach to assessing air passengers," says an official report, obtained by The Canadian Press

the Access to Information

Officials have been quietly toiling in the shadows on the system, which involves input from the Canada Border Services Agency, Transport Canada, CSIS and the RCMP.

Critics, however, question whether the project is a wise use of money.

They argue there should be public debate and scrutiny of the potentially invasive tool.

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Harper has no halo: Mag

British newsmagazine is not amused by Stephen Harper's recent parliamentary tactics.

The Economist Thursday published a critical story about the Conservative prime minister's suspension of parliament and a scathing editorial under the headline, "Harper goes prorogue.'

"Never mind what his spin doctors say: Mr. Harp-er's move looks like naked self-interest," says the editorial.

The Economist, which has a circulation of about 1.4 million — about half in North America — endorsed Harper in the 2006 and 2008 elections, but the bloom appears to be off the

The Economist suggests, tongue in cheek, that Harpshould simply shut down Parliament altogether until the economy is running at full throttle.

A Facebook site against Harper's prorogation had more than 88,000 members as of mid-afternoon Thursday. But Facebook sites on far less weighty issues routinely rack up six-figure THE CANADIAN PRESS

Travel U.S. barred her



Canadian citizen Ayat Manna rests at her parents' home in Dartmouth, N.S. Manna, a native of Jordan, was refused entry into the U.S. when she tried to board a plane in Halifax to visit her husband in Ohio. She said she was treated rudely by U.S. officials and felt targeted because of her head scarf and religion.

PATERNITY An Ontario iudae has dismissed a paternity suit against actor Keanu Reeves. Karen Sala alleged Reeves was the father of her four adult children and sought \$3 million a month in support. But Judge Fred Graham in Barrie said Sala's allegations were "so incredible" no reasonable judge

would accept them. POT Medical marijuana may be

legal, but fire chiefs say some grow-ops in Ontario and B.C. are a safety hazard. One says he has seen some legal sites with poor wiring, improperly stored chemicals and charred floors from high-powered lights. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Canada is accusing the Thai government of flouting international law by sending UN-designated refugees back to their home country of Laos. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Gym-goers speak up about poor etiquette

Exercising is great, but respect others

KRISTEN THOMPSON Metro Canada

Sticking to that hard-tokeep New Year's resolution to exercise would be easier if other gym-goers were a little more thoughtful, according to readers.

Metro asked Canadians to share their gym pet peeves, and it seems many of us come close to throwing a fit while trying to keep fit because of those smelly, weight-banging machine hogs that plague gyms from coast-to-coast.

Topping the list as the most irksome gym no-no are people who leave sweat on equipment. A close second are social butterflies who monopo

Richard Simmons likes sweating it up at the gym. lize equipment.

"I hate feeling like (I'm) intruding on a private gym," said Mike Thompson, a student in Ottawa.

"Working out with buddies and making friends is cool, but ... I pay to work out in peace, not feel awk-ward or in the way."

Randall Smith, manager at Westside Gym in Vancouver, said gyms are extra busy right now because of New Year's resolutions. and newcomers

should learn the ropes avoid breaking gym quette.

best "The thing to do is make yourself familiar with the rules at your gym," he

Calgary tweets

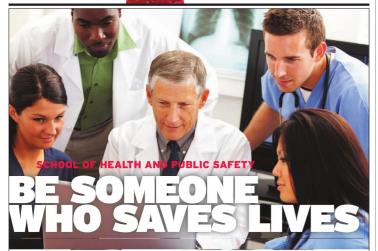
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said. "Putting equipment away is a big rule. Don't sit on your machine between your sets. Grunting and noises, especially guys, doesn't impress any-

Lastly, he said, consider your personal hygiene. Wear deodorant and keep perfume and cologne to a minimum.



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She shoots, she scores —



ildrose liance Danielle Smith netted two disgruntled Calgary MLAs this week. Both Rob Anderson and Heather Forsyth left the Conservative party to join her move-

Meanwhile, opinion polls show growing support for Wildrose.

Calgarian Danielle Smith is simply the most intrigu-ing person in Canadian politics right now.

She's the under-40 University of Calgary graduate who worked her way up at conservative policy insti-tutes, media jobs, and as provincial head of the Canadian Federation of Independent Business. Her agenda is: Lower taxes, academic testing, more rights to victims than criminals, and a favourable royalty regime for the energy sector.

So, I scrolled through the Wildrose platform a found the family section. It pledges to help work with foster parents and improve training and resources for social workers. Danielle

Smith meet her match. it will be child wel-

Alber

ta's director of child welfare was found in contempt of court this year. He refused to return a foster child to its foster mother. Some foster

parents are up on charges for hurting or killing kids in care.

Many kids get a crummy start. There are 9,000 kids in state care. Foster parents are crucial, but there's not enough of them. What would foster parents say Smith's Wildrose could do for them? Firstly, they clearly need a

break, or respite for foster

They'd like compensation that reflects their work. Oh, it irritates foster parents when the kid's driver to appointments makes more than they do all day. Wildrose could champion transparency. Consider that Alberta Child Services commissioned a tax-funded market research study on foster parents, then de-manded Albertans file a FOIP request to read it. Talk about taxing Albertans for our own information.

Can the Wildrose really

provide better resources and training for childcare workers? Then Alberta can't outsource child services where the pay is worse than the government's own foster care agency.

There's that tough cultural statistic: Fifty-six per cent of Albertan kids in care are aboriginal.

How will Wildrose conservatives fulfill their platform promises? Danielle and her team need specifics.

Janice Paskey teaches at Mount Royal University and is a volunteer with Westwood Hockey.

Weeding out a bad home purchase



We all know Mike Holmes — the guy with biceps the size of tires, who rights wrongs when it comes to home renovations. But at Marketplace, we team up with Mike Friday night to tackle a growing (no pun intended) problem in Canada homes that are used for marijuana grow-ops, then sold to unsuspecting buyers.

The RCMP estimates there are thousands of houses being used for growops today, often in quiet, suburban neighbourhoods, where you'd least expect them. They're often quietly patched up — leaving new homeowners stuck with mould, structural and electrical issues.

Theresa Denton was happy with her house purchase near Kamloops, B.C., until she learned it'd been a grow-op for almost a decade. Today, she's facing a bill that could top \$100,000 just to make her home safe to live in. Her walls are covered in mould, and her son's developed such a severe mould allergy, he has to take medication to help him breathe.

Denton - like other unsuspecting homeowners hired a home inspector before she bought her house. But in his report, he makes no mention of mould all over the attic walls. "He had a flashlight," said Denton. "Either he's not telling the truth, or he's just completely incompetent."

It's a story Mike Holmes is hearing more and more home inspectors who don't spot costly problems, especially when it comes to spotting grow-op warning signs. "I think we need to do something about the

home inspection industry," said Holmes. "It's obvious that it's not working."

When we caught up with Denton's home inspector, he told us he wasn't respon-sible for Denton's nightmare, and his contract even

Denton's now suing her home inspector, the former owner of the house, and her real estate agent. Sadly, the courts are full of cases like Denton's - homebuyers who thought a home inspection would protect them.

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A man who took off his clothes and went jogging in near-freezing temperatures near the White House has been hospitalized for psychiatric evaluation. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

World

The buck stops here

Report on plane incident released, Obama takes responsibility

"The buck stops with me," **U.S. President Barack Oba**ma said Thursday as he outlined measures aimed at preventing another terrorist attack on the United States in the tense aftermath of a Christmas Day attempt to blow a Detroit-bound jetliner out of

"When the system fails, it's my responsibility," Obama said — an indication that no high-level firings of intelligence officials would result from the near-miss incident.

The president said he's ordered steps be taken to ensure all leads on potential terrorist plots are thoroughly investigated, that intelli-

Failed to act

 Obama said intelligence agencies knew that an al-Qaida affiliate based in Yemen was plotting an attack on the U.S., but failed to zero in on the "known terrorist" before he boarded the Northwest flight in Amsterdam.

gence is better shared and that no-fly lists are utilized properly.

'We can't sit on information that can protect the American people."

As the president spoke at the White House, his administration released a declassified version of a preliminary, six-page report on what went wrong two weeks ago when 23-year-old Nigerian Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab allegedly tried to blow up the airliner with explosives hidden in his pants. The device was ignited, but failed to detonate. Passengers and crew subdued Abdulmutallab, an ap-

parent al-Qaida operative. Abdulmutallab, who was indicted on Wednesday on attempted murder and other charges, has reportedly told investigators he was trained by al-Qaida operatives in Yemen. His father also warned the U.S. Embassy in Nigeria that his son was an extremist.

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India Dalai Lama lectures



A young Indian Buddhist monk listens to the Dalai Lama's lecture at Mahabodhi temple in Bodh Gaya, India, Thursday. Bodh Gaya is the town where Prince Siddhartha Gautama attained enlightenment after intense meditation and became the Buddha. The lectures will continue Sunday.

Earth-like planets 'plentiful'

SPACE Astronomers say they are on the verge of finding planets like Earth orbiting other stars, a key step in determining if we are alone in the universe. A top NASA official and other leading scientists say that within four or five years they should



Scottish officials have linked a deadly outbreak of anthrax to contaminated heroin. Scan this code for the full story. discover the first Earth-like planet where life could develop, or may have already. A planet close to the size of Earth could even be found sometime this year if pre-

liminary hints from a new

space telescope pan out. At the annual American Astronomical Society conference this week, each discovery involving "exoplanets" — those outside our solar system - pointed to the same conclusion: Quiet planets like Earth where life could develop probably are plentiful. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Execution tape looks real: Official

SRI LANKA A UN investigator says reports by three independent experts strongly point to the authenticity of a videotape which appears to show the execution of blindfolded and naked Tamils by Sri Lankan soldiers. Philip Alston said Thursday an independent inquiry should be formed to investigate war crimes allegedly committed in Sri Lanka. The government's 25-year war against Tamil rebels ended in May.

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General Motors has made its first mass-produced electric car battery as it gears up to sell the new Chevrolet Volt to the general public later this year. The lithium-ion battery was made Thursday at GM's Brownstown Battery Pack Assembly Plant. Regular production at both facilities is expected to begin in the fourth quarter. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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prices are expected to rise. THE CANADIAN PRESS

INTERNET How to help prop up the ailing music industry? Tax Google, suggests a new report commissioned by the French government. The

report says Google and other Internet portals should be slapped with a new tax on their online ad revenues in France to fund legal outlets for buying books, movies and mu-THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

'Generation Debt' needs lesson: Expert

As Canadian consumers waded deeper into debt during the so-called Great Recession, the federal government decided it was time to boost financial literacy, a lesson many Canadians missed before their debt began to mount.

Finance Minister Jim Flaherty launched the Financial Literacy Task Force in June, citing his belief that a financially literate population would create a more stable economy.

After a 20-year trend of increased debt and reduced savings, combined with easy credit and dwindling pension plans, financial planning must be ingrained in Canadians, said Tom Hamza, president of Investor Education Fund. The fund is charged with figuring out how to integrate financial lessons

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into Ontario's curricula for Grade 4 to 12 students by September 2011.

Older members of the demographic, sometimes called "Generation Debt," sometimes are accruing debt at rates never seen before. A Harris-Decima poll suggests that 60 per cent of baby boomers support their adult children, and many expect their children's independence to be delayed to age 25. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Las Vegas (Smaller) Intel inside



The Intel booth at the Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas Thursday, Intel rolled out new computer chips at the trade show that highlight the firm's lead over Advanced Micro Devices Inc. in shrinking the circuitry inside its processors.

Job growth in December expected

Canadian economy is again poised to start churning out jobs instead of burning them.

Following the pre-Christmas surprise that 79,000 jobs were created in November, economists expect December's numbers. which will be announced Friday morning, to again be positive. And the out-look for 2010 is even rosier, with some projecting that more than 300,000 new jobs will be created.

The consensus of 22 economists surveyed this week forecast a 20,000 gain in December. That would be the second con-secutive month of job gains, despite a so-so economy that only showed the first significant signs of growth at the end of 2009.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Dallas Stars centre Mike Ribeiro will miss four to six weeks after being accidentally hit in the throat with a stick during a game against the New York Rangers. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Cowboys, Bengals hope to reverse ugly trends

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Quarterback Tony Romo of the Dallas Cowboys throws against

season since a 1990 playoff win against Houston — the Oilers, that is — was in 2005, Dallas is somewhat of a regular in the Super Bowl parade. Since beating Minnesota and then losing to times, including this time, meaning they're on a sixgame losing streak. America's Team? Ameri-

"It's surreal to be sitting here having to even answer that question," owner Jerry Jones said. "I wouldn't have off, and I wouldn't have have had the turnover in the coaches that we've had."

But dream this: The Cowboys are among the hottest teams in the NFL heading into the playoffs. Dallas set a team record with 6,390 total yards, exceeding 6,000 in a season for the first time.

defence, which blanked the Eagles last weekend to win the divi-sion, allowed 33 points in the last four home games.

Still, there is that 13-year run of disappointment, and the Eagles have won their first playoff game in seven consecutive post-seaappearances. there's this:

Since 1990, when the current playoff format was adopted, in nine firstround rematches following a final-game meeting, the loser of the regular-season won the playoff game matchup five times.

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a playoff game in more than a decade. The Bengals haven't won one in nearly two decades. That can change, they hope, in Saturday's

Both get familiar foes:

Dallas takes on NFC East rival Philadelphia for the third time since early November, and for the second

straight week. Cincinnati also has a rematch from Week 17 against the New York

On Sunday, it's Baltimore at New England and Green

Unlike the Bengals, whose only appearance in the post-

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Sports in brief

CFL Saskatchewan Roughrider fans waiting to hear about whether general manager Eric Tillman has a future with the CFL team will soon get their answer. Rider spokesman Ryan Whippler says the team will announce its decision Friday, although no time has yet been set for a news conference. FOOTBALL The Grey Cupchampion Montreal Alouettes have a huge hole to fill this off-season. Kick-returner Larry Taylor, the CFL's top specialteams player in 2009, was one of four players to sign with the NFL's New York Jets on Thursday. Taylor had a CFLhigh 788 punt-return yards on

89 returns last year.

FIGHT Floyd Mayweather Jr. blamed Manny Pacquiao for the collapse of their prospective bout Thursday, claiming the Filipino boxer refuses to accept a reasonable compromise on drug testing concerns. Mayweather also says he's still ready to sign a deal for the fight, which was slated for March 13 at the MGM Grand Garden in Las Vegas.

RED SOX Adrian Beltre and the Boston Red Sox have finalized a one-year contract that guarantees the third baseman \$10 million US. Beltre gets \$9 million this year, and the deal includes a \$5 million player option for 2011 with a \$1 million buyout. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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NFL's Davis heading to Olympics

Vernon Davis is headed to his first Pro Bowl and his first Olympics, too. The star San Francisco 49ers tight end will be an honorary captain for the U.S. men's curling team next month at the Vancouver Olympics. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Expectations will be massive for Canadians



t the World Junior hockey final this week we saw a glimpse of the kind of expectations Canadian athletes will face at the rapidly approaching home Olympics.

Pressure is a demon that needs to be dealt with.

Real or imagined, anytime a significant number of Canadians wrap them-selves in the flag and at-tach themselves to the fortunes of athletes who wear the Maple Leaf, huge pressure ensues. You could see

it tattooed on the faces of the young men who fell to the United States thus halting

a hockey run of dynastic pro-

gold medal hopeful in figure skating with his partner Tessa Virtue, watched the game in Ann Arbor, Mich., beside his rival and training

mate, American Charlie White. a man who

had narrowly beaten him at the recent Grand Prix Final in - the major international tune up prior to the Olympics.

"The only thing worse than watching those guys' heartbreak was hearing celebration,

Moir reflected "Pressure is

"That's the beauty of sport. I know I have done everything to prepare myself for that moment a million

over times and

ecute. I will execute!"

Perhaps comfort comes with an athlete knowing he or she has the talent and fitness to reach peak performance at the moment the competition occurs. It is also a matter of

turned up at big events. For the more than 200 athletes who will fly Canadian colours at home in Vancouver and Whistler there is another considera-

tion. As it was with the

innior hockey team in

Saskatoon, somebody from

success creates a great place

to hide when the heat gets

another country might be better qualified to win. "For the record, I think the Canadian iuniors lost to a team with superior speed and defence, not bepressure,'

cause of p MacEachern said. Sometimes the pressure monster isn't the Olympians should fear most.

Scott Russell is the Host of CBC Sports Weekend seen Saturday afternoons. He has covered professional and amateur sports including nine Olympic games and numerous world championships.

must portions.
Scott Moir. a Canadian focus. not always an easy monster to tame." So how will Moir. who is "Healthy experienced athletes that are only 22, deal with the favourites to win immensity of all those are typically improcess and not outcome," noted people counting on him to come through on Pacific Coliseum ice? "I like to look the bobsleigh cott Moir and Olympic gold beast right in the eye, Tessa Virtue medallist, Dave MacEach-Moir explained. ern. "Confidence from past



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Oscar-winning actor Denzel Washington is a force to be reckoned with in his new action flick, The Book of Eli.



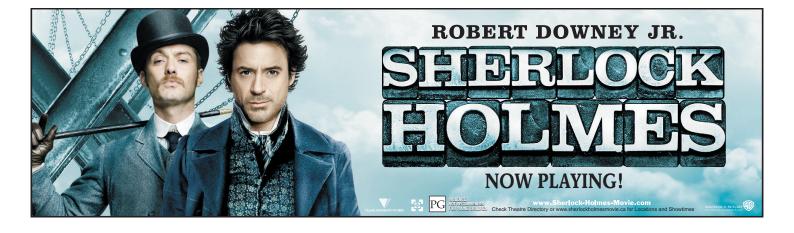
Oscar-nominated Amy Adams is back with Leap Year.



Vampire Weekend will be big in 2010, says Alan Cross.



The Kids in the Hall are back and bigger than ever.



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Denzel gets tough in Book of Eli

Movie **feature**

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Although his thriller follows the current trend of post-apocalyptic tales, don't draw comparisons between futuristic dystopian dramas like The Road and Denzel Washington's latest film, The Book of Eli.

Not directly to Mr. Washington anyhow.

Actually Road) was supposed to come out a year The Book of Eli ago," defendhits theatres ed the legendary actor with a chuckle during a recent interview. "I wouldn't categorize (The Book of Ēli). (People) have a desire to do that so they say 'postapocalyptic action' but I think a spiritual film. That's what's interesting about it, I think it's a lot of things.

Whatever it is, The Book of Eli marks not just the Oscar winner's latest foray into the action genre but it's also one of the 55-year old actor's most strenuous On the web

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roles - playing a fist-fighting drifter who travels across desolate badlands protecting a cherished book from weapon-wielding thieves and criminals.

"I have a great job in that I get to step into all these different worlds and so I really enjoyed it.

mean I really need to continue to do that kind of work and stretch stretching is next week key at my age," said Washingsaid ton. "Life life's no short, joke ... it makes me want for rich experiences and I thought that this was a very unusual part to play and it allowed me to dabble in the spiritual world and the world." martial arts

One of the ways in which Washington did stretch was sharpening his combat skills. But while tutoring under such martial artists as Bruce Lee-disciple Dan



Denzel Washington sharpened his combat skills for his latest film, The Book of Eli. It is in theatres next week.

Inosanto helped him prepare for the part, the boxing experience he gained from his Oscar-nominated role in 1999's The Hurricane also proved an addi-

tional benefit.

"Because of boxing, I was comfortable with fighting although you do some things in martial arts that are completely the oppo-

site of boxing," said the actor insisting what he mainly learned from martial arts was to "leave people alone" because you never

know who they really are

a moral that applies to the film itself.

"The littlest, most unassuming person (can be) a killer," Washington insist-

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Cera's alter ego a step forward

Youth In Revolt

Director: Miguel Arteta Stars: Michael Cera, Fred Willard

Classification: STC Rating: 🕮 🕮

Youth in Revolt is the new Ferris Bueller's Day Off. It's a film about the benefits of behaving badly and, like the famous 1986 John Hughes movie, it is headlined by an actor who brings charm and wit to the role of the rebel.

heartthrob Hoodie Michael Cera plays fourteen-year-old Nick Twisp, a mild mannered collection of raging hormones and quirky personality traits. He loves Sinatra and foreign films. When his family relocated to a Christian trailer park he meets his dream girl, Sheeni Saunders (Portia Doubleday), a similarly anachronistic teenager with a taste for anything French and a dream of being swept off



Michael Cera, right, expands his range in Youth In Revolt

her feet by a bad boy named Francois.

When circumstance steps in to keep them apart he (with the help of an imaginary friend named Francois Dillinger) reverses his goody-two-shoes image and becomes a rebel with a cause - he wants to impress her.

Cera has a corner on the awkward coming-of-age movie, and as Twisp he

doesn't do anything he didn't do in Juno or Superbad, but he's charming and easy to watch. His work takes on a different dimension, however, when he slips into alter ego mode.

As the mustachioed François he's a refugee from a Belmondo film, equipped with a cigarette, too tight white trousers. It's not often that an actor gets to show his

range playing two characters in one film, but this is a step forward for Cera, who has been locked into the wisecracking virgin stereotype since he left the small screen's Arrested Development and started chasing girls.

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Tom not starring with Taylor

Tom Cruise will not be costarring in the forthcoming Taylor Lautner action flick Northern Lights. The film is about a young aerobatics pilot and will be directed by John Moore (Max Payne). Production begins this April in Louisiana. **EW.COM**

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Bloodsuckers big at box office



ho knew there were so many fang bangers out there? The success of

True Blood and the Twilight movies is proof that vampires have risen from the dead, driven a stake through the very heart of popular culture and won over new fans in unprecedented numbers.

Never before have bloodsuckers done such boffo box office, but how can this newfound popularity be called a comeback when the vampires never went away?

No amount of garlic, it

seems, can keep vampires out of the theatre. This weekend Daybreakers, a film about a world where vamps outnumber humans, joins the list of vampire films which dates back to the 1900s.

In the 101 years since audiences first sunk their teeth into a vampire movie — 1909's Vampire of the Coast — vamps have come in all shapes and sizes. There's The Vampire Effect, a Chinese arts martial vampire movie (guest starring Jackie Chan), Thomas Dolby's vampire musical comedy Rockula and the self explanatory Gayracula to name just a few.

Even stranger than any of those is Dracula Blows his Cool, a 1979 German comedy featuring the Count as the proprietor of a disco in his ancestral castle. It's quite awful, but worth a rental (if you can find it) to hear the disco



Vampire flicks have won over new audiences, says columnist Richard Crouse.

"hit" Rock Me Dracula (Suck! Suck!).

More traditional is another German film made the same year. Roger Ebert called Werner Herzog's Nosferatu the Vampyre, "the most evocative series of images centered around the idea of the vampire" since 1922's Nosferatu.

It cannot be said that this is a particularly scary movie, but Herzog's emphasis on slowly building tension and atmosphere rather than simply smearing the screen with blood is disquieting and decidedly eerie.

A little more rock'em sock'em is The Legend of the 7 Golden Vampires,

the 1974 collaboration between Britain's Hammer Studios and the Hong Kong based Shaw Brothers Studio. Peter Cushing is vampire hunter Prof. Van Helsing who battles Dracula and six disciples in a remote Chinese village. It's weird and wacky, but as one critic said it gets by "on sheer novelty alone."

So many vampires, so little time. How have vampires survived when other film fads are dead and buried? Adaptability. Just as every generation has placed a hero on the pop charts cinematic vampires have shape shifted over the years, bending to the times.

How else can you explain Dracula Blows His Cool's disco dancing Drac?

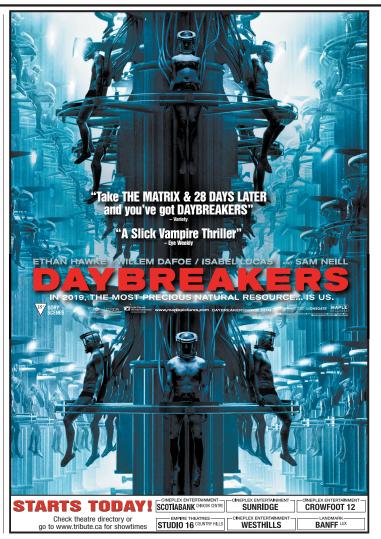
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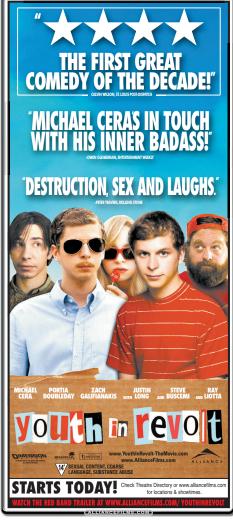
Director hints at government interference

whose movie was pulled from an American film festival as part of a boycott over the screening of a documentary about the Dalai Lama said Thursday he accepted the decision — but hinted he was under pressure to toe the government line.

The Palm Springs International Film Festival said in a statement posted on its Web site Wednesday that Chinese film authorities pulled Lu Chuan's City of Life and Death and the comedy Quick, Quick, Slow from the event. Organizers said the Chinese acted after they refused Beijing's request they drop the documentary The Sun Behind the Clouds: Tibet's Struggle for Freedom.China considers the Dalai Lama a "splittist" seeking formal independence for Tibet, , which Beijing says has been Chinese territory for centuries. The Dalai Lama says he seeks only a high level of autonomy under Chinese rule for the Himalayan region, although many of his supporters say Tibet was effectively an independent country for most of its history.

The director, a rising star in China, initially declined to be interviewed at all. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS





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ScarJo to hit Broadway

Starting Jan. 24, Scarlett Johansson and Broadway vet Liev Schreiber will take to Broadway's stage in Arthur Miller's 1955 play, A View From the Bridge. Schreiber plays Eddie Carbone, a longshoreman from Brooklyn obsessed with his niece, played by Johansson. Ew.com

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Cruz still muse

Actress back with Almodovar in Broken Embraces

CHRIS ALEXANDER for Metro Canada

Wildly irreverent Spanish filmmaker Pedro Almodovar has forged his legacy and found his following by continuously mining Hollywood clichés and reinterpreting them as high art.

His emotional, sexual and passionate movies have defined Mediterranean cinema for over 30 years, exploring sex, lust and melodrama with wit, style and genuine enthusiasm for the medium.

And though his works have often introduced many internationally acclaimed Spanish actors to North American audiences (he put Antonio Banderas on the map in his wacky 1982 comedy Labyrinth of Passion) there is no disputing the fact that the gorgeous Penelope Cruz is his "I have known Pedro since I was a little girl, I ... would do anything for him. There is no one else like him and I don't think there ever will be.' Penelope Cruz

on-screen muse, his female counterpart.

Almodovar has featured Cruz as his heroine more than any other actress, starting with 1997's Live Flesh and con-

tinuing with such sensual, with visionary fare like 1999's bizarre and beautiful All About My and Mother 2006's equally impassioned Volver.

Their latest collaboration is the layered, tragicomic romantic thriller Broken Embraces in which Cruz stars as Lena, a struggling actress trapped in a

loveless marriage. When her wealthy, older hus-band arranges for her to be cast in a new film by a cele-

ated director (Luis Homar), a lethal love tribrated angle evolves.

"Lena is a very **Broken** complex character," says Cruz of her **Embraces** troubled alter opens next ego. "In many ways she is a **Friday** femme fatale in the classic sense, but she's so much more than that. I

think of her as three women in one.'

With Broken Embraces, Almodovar employs a flashback framework and uses the gimmick of hav-



Penelope Cruz stars in director Pedro Almodovar's newest film, Broken Embraces.

ing a film within a film, a device that allows Cruz to assume the visages of various classic Hollywood ingénues including Audrey Hepburn and Marilyn Monroe.

The results are another of the auteur's signature classics, a twisty turny film noir in which Cruz gives

performance her best since, well, Volver.

But just because their relationship is strong and enduring, doesn't mean that there isn't any on-set friction between mentor and muse.

"Sometimes there are times when he's not good to be around," the actress admits with a smile.

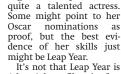
"He's very open about exactly what he wants and sometimes it can get tense. But I have known Pedro since I was a little girl, I have grown up with him and would do anything for him. There is no one else like him and I don't think there ever will be.'

Amy Adams can't save tired, drawn out premise

Leap Year

Director: Anand Tucker Stars: Amy Adams, Matthew Goode, John Lithgow Classification: STC Rating: ##

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Adams' best film, in fact it's probably her worst.

REVIEW It's common knowl-

edge that Amy Adams is

It's just that her charac-

ter is so shrill, shallow, and one-dimensional that she should be loathsome

Yet Adams somehow makes you care about the character by fully commit-

Too bad that Leap Year's screenplay is so tired and drawn out that no actress could possibly save it.

Amy Adams stars as a

fast talking materialistic Bostonian obsessed with getting the right apartment and getting engaged to her boyfriend.

When her long-term boyfriend goes on a trip to Dublin in late February. Adams learns of an Irish tradition in which women propose to men on leap year and decides to fly out

to pop the question.

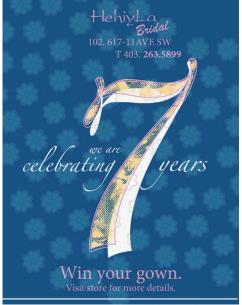
Of course, she gets de-layed and is forced to ask a rugged small town Irish man (Matthew Goode) to take her to Dublin. Inevitably they keep getting delayed in all sorts of wacky ways.

Throw in a supporting cast of Irish stereotypes, awkward pacing, and a

love story and you've got a big ol' mess of a movie. Adams and Goode do make a cute couple, but it all goes to waste on a story and jokes that were out of date decades ago

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A refreshing revamp of vampires



Director: The Spierig Brothers

Stars: Ethan Hawke, Willem

Classification: STC Rating: 🕮 🕮

Daybreakers

CHRIS ALEXANDER for Metro Canada

REVIEW Cinematic vampires are often depicted as either romantic, tragic immortals drifting through time, slave to their vice, or slobbering, blood starved wraiths; camps are present in Daybreakers, the latest horror movie from Aussie filmmakers The Spierig Brothers (Undead).

But, this movie is a mixed (body) bag, trying to have it all ways and ultimately biting off more than it can comfortably chew

In an after dark world owned by plague carrying vampires, Ethan Hawke plays an undead

hematologist with a conscience, trying to cure his brethren while sneering at their practice of farming what is left of the human race.

When, after a chance encounter saving a pack of per- Ethan secuted mortals, he Hawke becomes embroiled

in a plot to overthrow the fanged powers that be, he discovers that by exposing oneself to direct sunlight and bursting into flames — or "daybreaking" vampirism can be conquered.

Along with resistance leader and reformed ghoul Elvis (the ubiquitous Willem Dafoe), his first order of business is to lock horns with the diabolical

head of his pharmaceutical employer (Sam Neill, whose welcome onscreen presence is squandered here in a thankless role that requires him to shuffle papers and look concerned) and heal the world without the aid of hu-

man experiments. Meanwhile, a pack of blood starved "have-not" vamps are turning into bat like monsters, hell bent on feeding on man and ghoul alike.

Boasting a great pulpy premise, a nifty neo-noir

look and a handful of jaw dropping, brilliantly revolting set pieces, Daybreakers has all its ducks

in the right place.

It's a real shame then, when after a fantastic first half hour, the film falls apart, settling into conventional, tedious Under-world/Matrix dystopian cliché garble and worse, attempting to elicit big emotional responses to half baked characters and silly, heavy handed allegorical situations.

Brilliant prosthetic special effects however and in a genre where remakes and sequels are the order of the day, Daybreakers is refreshingly original.

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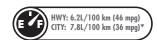




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Music

The year in new music



s we try to come to a consensus on how to pronounce this year ∖("Twenty-ten?"

"Two thousand and ten?"). here's a fast preview of some of the music we'll see in the coming months.

January-February: Hipster bloggers are most interested in Vampire Weekend's second album, Contra (Tuesday). Meanwhile, Finnish melodic metal band HIM is hoping that their new album Screamworks: Love in Theory and Practice (Feb 9) will be their North American breakthrough.

March: I'm most interested in Broken Bells, a collaboration between Dan-



Vampire Weekend's new album Contra will be out next week.

ger Mouse (Gnarls Barkley, Beck, Gorillaz) and James Mercer of the Shins (March 9). Crash Karma, Canada's supergroup (featuring ex members of OLP, I Mother Earth and the Tea Party) had a top ten single in Awake before (a) they had a record deal; and (b) before they had an album. I've heard a chunk of this stuff and it's very good. A debut album will be out March 10. My Chemical Romance will have a yet-asuntitled album in stores March 30. Watch for a single in the coming weeks.

April: The Deftones have

two albums in the pipeline, one of which is called Fros. but it's been shelved since a car accident sent bass player Chi Cheng into a coma. A new Chi-less CD - no title vet - is on the schedule for April 26.

Broken Social Scene has promised to release a new CD.

The rest: Now that Adam Yauch's cancer is under control, the Beastie Boys will finally get around to releasing Hot Sauce Committee Part II in the coming months ... I'm convinced there will be a new U2 studio album before the

kicks off in the spring. Ru-mours are it'll be called Songs of Ascent, but there's no indication on what approach they've taken Gaslight Anthem will follow up the excellent The Sound with a new record in June ... There should be a second album from Jack White and the Dead Weather this summer Linkin Park is readving their fourth album for release this fall MGMT's second album will be called Congratulations and should be out in the third quarter ... Finger 11 is working on their sixth album for release before the end of the year ... A new STP record? Believe it ... The Strokes? Apparently, but we don't know when.

Also coming in 2010: Godsmack, Gorillaz, Jimmy Eat World, Kid Rock and Seether.

The Ongoing History Of New Music can be neard on stations across Canada. Read more at ongoinghistory.com and exploremusic.com

Taylor Swift had 2009's top album

MUSIC Susan Boyle put up a strong challenge but Taylor Swift ended 2009 with the year's bestselling album.

Nielsen SoundScan which tracks the nation's album sales, says Swift's

Fearless sold 3.2 million copies last year. It was released in late 2008. Boyle's I Dreamed a Dream sold 3.1 million copies - and it only came out in late November. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Shania hosts radio show

In a rare media appearance, Timmins, Ont.-raised country singer Shania Twain hosts The Current on Friday morning on CBC Radio One, filling in for Anna-Maria Tremonti. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Going Out

A new brush with death Metro's 7th Heaven: Metro taps what's hot

Beloved Kids in the Hall cast returns to TV after 15-year hiatus

CHRIS ALEXANDER for Metro Canada

Though any new episodes have been absent from the airwayes for 15 years, the shadow of Canadian cult comedy troupe The Kids in the Hall still looms large.

Their special brand of broad, gender-bending, absurdist and abstract sketch humour was a staple of CBC's prime time schedule circa 1988 to 1994.

inspiring a gen-eration of comedians. And. though they've continned to tour ex tensively in North America, true Kids completists who've been clamoring for return their to TV, finally have cause for celebration with Death Comes

Town:

eight-part

miniseries starting

an

Tues-

grimly hilarious events that befall the dimwitted populace of backwater town Shuckton, Ont., after the grim reaper (Mark

McKinney) arrives, the show features the original kids. They play

troupe

trades in

CBC TV almost every onscreen character — male and female and the show is full of the kind of cruel wit that the

Death getting off a Grey-**Comes to Town** hound bus in a premieres on small town and

the possibilities for comedy that could follow. We were on tour, and I had written an outline to do the show as a feature film, but

ultimately

made more sense to do a miniseries. We have a lot more freedom here to get deeper into the characters'

tural influences have always been evident in The Kids in the Hall, with the results being that even at their warmest, there's always a sort of anti-establishment refusal to behave in their skits

> ways had a Rock' n'Roll edge," he says. "I love Iggy Pop and Lou Reed, and I really love weird movies. I

gry but, there it is ...

of The cast of Kids in the Hall return to the TV with their new miniseries Death Comes to Town.

"Almost everything I've written stems from an image," says Death Comes to co-writer/producer Bruce McCulloch. "Here it's Death drawers. McCulloch's countercul-

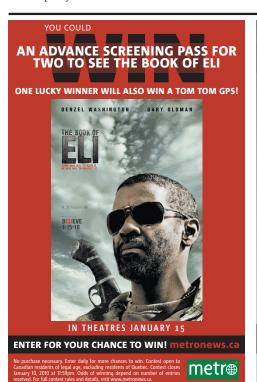
"I think our show has al-

stole a lot of David Lvnch's feel for Death Comes Town. "When I was younger, I used to get drunk

every night and Eraserhead. Because of this, my wife says everything I touch instantly turns to cult. This usually means the

kids are hun-







Animal Instinct MUSIC This may be Ke\$ha's year. The singer released her album, Animal, and her single TiK ToK is the first No. 1 of the new decade. Not too bad for a singer who claims she used to wear clothes she'd find in the garbage.



The Hurt Locker

DVD After winning the National Society of Film Critics award on Sunday, The Hurt Locker became the frontrunner in the race for an Oscar, Directed by Kathryn Bigelow, the movie about an

elite bomb squad unit in Iraq is being released on DVD next week.

Kids in the Hall Return

TELEVISION After a lengthy hiatus from the small screen, the Kids in the Hall have reunited for a new series, Death Comes to Town, a miniseries running on CBC starting Tuesday.

Avatar Dominates Box Office

FILM As well as receiving nominations for a number of awards, James Cameron's sci-fi epic Avatar also maintained its box office dominance, racking in \$68.5 million US last weekend and shooting past the \$1 billion worldwide mark. It's only the fifth movie to do so.

Youth Revolution

BOOKS Payne's Youth in Revolt has finally made it to the big screen. The original books chronicle the experience of sexobsessed teen Nick Twisp, who is brought to celluloid life by Brampton, Ont,-born actor Michael Cera.



Vampire Chronicles

CULTURE Vampires were the big winners this week, with Twilight, True Blood and The Vampire Diaries sucking up trophies at the 36th annual People's

Choice Awards on Wednesday night. Fri day marks the release of Daybreakers. the latest Vampire release.



American Idol's New Host

REALITY A new season of American Idol starts this month, but after eight seasons, is there still talent out there to support a ninth season? Just in case, the show has brought in talk show host Ellen DeGeneres to add a bit of humour.

Mix of Six

Calgary Motorcycle Show

When: Friday - Sunday Where: BMO Centre A showcase of motorcycles for the whole family. calgarvmotorcvcleshow.ca

Ski for the Heart

When: Friday Where: Château Lake Louise Ski while raising money for a good cause.

The High **Performance Rodeo**

When: January 7 to 31. Where: Various locations A blend of theatre, art and dance transcends calgary into a theatrical rodeo.

Faster, Higher, Deadlier

When: Friday Where: Deane House A comic murder mystery dinner theatre. greatfun.ca

Hello Dolly!

When: January 8 to 23 Where: Pumphouse Theatres Presented by Front Row Centre Theatre

Rugs and Textiles from Local Collections

When: Until January 30 Where: Nickel Arts Museum Star Attractions: Rugs and Textiles from Local CollecLam's book as a guide was

a real plus to his perform-

the scripts so I'd have an idea what I was walking in-

to. And yet there were also

certain elements in the

book I explored in my per-

formance - these experiences that you could use in

the character."

"I read the book before

Television

Series brings Lam's young doctors to T

Vincent Lam compares watching the TV version of his Giller Prize-winning novel Bloodletting & Miraculous Cures to look ing at a can of soup. Say what?

"It's like when Andy Warhol did a painting of a can of soup," explains the author/doctor. "And you know it's a can of soup. You recognize it as a can of soup. Bit it's different — it

changes it's fleshed out in a different visual form.'

Okay. But did Lam like it? Was this eight-hour

version of his tale of three young doctors everything he hoped for?

'It was. I knew with the changes in formats, there would be differences in story-telling," says the Toronto-based Lam.

"My hope from the getgo was that it'd be true to the spirit of the book — to bring forth these human beings who are trying to do good. And I think if you really want to know

doctors live and work, you'll find this satisfying.

The miniseries centres on three conflicted doctors - Fitz (Shawn Ash-Ming (Mayko Nguyen) and Chen (Byron Mann) — whose complicate friendship (romantic and otherwise) proves a distraction to their jobs as doctors

In telling its story, Blood-

letting jumps from three charac-ters' days in medical school to a present-day emergency

room, revealing a triangular relation-

leads to 10 years later.'

Ashmore says having

Shawn Ashmore, left, Mayko Nguyen and Byron Mann star in Bloodletting and Miraculous Cures.

Bloodletting

Bloodletting & Miraculous Cures premieres on HBO-Canada Sunday night.

> ship that's anything but "In the first episode, you see the beginning of their

story and the end. And the rest of the series sort of fills in the middle," says Ashmore (X-Men, Terry). "It's a great tool to jump around because it allows you to see in the past, then immediately see what that

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American Idol faces crucial new season

TELEVISION American Idol was the colossus that dominated television in the new century's first decade, generating top ratings, a heady share of buzz and a handful of bankable stars including Kelly Clarkson, Carrie Underwood and Jennifer Hudson.

"THIS is 'American Idol." Idol," host Ryan Seacrest first intoned in 2002, and the singing contest that was a summer surprise turned into an annual visitor with staying power.

Whether it can re- Ellen tain its status this DeGeneres let alone through the second

decade, is a crucial question for its home base, Fox, as well as the network's competitors and the seemingly bottomless well of aspiring singers who see it as a shortcut to discovery.

It's a challenge for a series that, entering its ninth season Tuesday night, is undergoing its biggest shake-up yet with Ellen DeGeneres taking the place of Paula Abdul on the judging panel that in-cludes Simon Cowell, Randy Jackson and, back for her sophomore turn, Kara DioGuardi.

Can Idol hang on as the No. 1 series, a spot it's held for five years among all

viewers and for six years among 18-to-49 year olds, a demographic much favoured by advertisers?

Yes, said industry analyst Shari Anne — for now. "It will remain the toprated show through this year," said Brill

of Carat USA. After that, she said, it's a guessing game, especially if uberiudge Cowell decides to exit after this season.

But the show's producers say that for viewers, it's the contestants that provoke the most emotion. They want to root for someone and see someone win," said Fox executive Preston Beckman,

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Tori Spelling is once again returning to the bookshelves to tell her side of the story. Her third book, tentatively titled unchartered terriTORI, is scheduled to hit stores in June, people.com reports. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Celebrity Buzz

Attack of the tabloids

Casey Johnson's longtime girlfriend Courtenay Semel has broken her silence after the heiress' death to lash out at another woman close to Johnson — reality star Tila Tequila, people.com reports.

The thing I find the most sickening is that the media is giving (her) the one thing she craves: Attention. Tila, you knew her for a week," Semel tells People.

Just weeks before Johnson was found dead in her Los Angeles home at age 30, Johnson made tabloid news when she said she

er men,

'It's just the star of MTV's over-thetop matchmaking show A Shot at Love with Tila

Tequila. And it was the 28-yearold Tequila (real name Tila Nguyen) who nounced John-

Since then, Tequila has posted a series of bizarre messages on Twitter about her relationship with Johnson, along with crudely

worded attacks against gossip blog-ger Perez Hilton. (Tequila has de-clined interview requests). Billy Bush, host of

Hollywood, Access Tweeted in response, "Gross... claims 2 b mourning fiancée but seems 2 b pumping her new gossip blog."

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Leaving on a jet... or not

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Celebrity tweets

Tori's third book

Jonathan Ross may be quitting his talk show, but he isn't quitting Twitter, Heidi Montag is catching up on TV from seven years ago, Kathy Griffin **S** 6 auestions her own success and and Neil Diamond does his best work while getting coffee. @wossy Don't worry, I

won't stop tweeting! @heidimontag I'm watch-

ing The Simple Life! @parishilton and **@nicolerichie** you are so funny! thats hot!

• @kathygriffin Random House just gave me news that "Official Book Club Selection" #21 on NY Times best seller list. Is Oprah ist buying them so u WON'T???

NeilDiamond A thought while waiting on line at Starbucks: Should I write about affairs of the heart between people or affairs of people between nations?





Swings both ways: Source

MORE ALLEGATIONS One of according to Radar Online. Tiger Woods' alleged "She is in talks with a mistresses, Loredana number of publishing Jolie Ferriolo, companies regarding a tell-all book deal," one of her reps tells the hawking an x-rated tell-all about her times with the golf website. pro, even insisting METRO WORLD NEWS that she witnessed Woods engage in sexual activity with oth-

A woman of substance

would only get offered girlfriend parts in guy THE RIGHT ROLES Natalie Portman says there's a reason comedies. she never shows up in romantic comedies: doesn't think comedies they're very good. "It wasn't that I didn't can want to do comedy," and the actress insists to Elle magazine.

which aren't exciting to me. or those offensive roles in romantic where the woman has to have a job in fashion so that she have nice clothes, her goal is always mar-riage."

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What'd I say again?: Mariah

SPEECH Mariah Carey is blaming it on the alcohol, usmagazine.com reports. At Wednesday's People's

Choice Awards, the diva, 40, was asked about her sloshy speech Tuesday at the Palm Springs Interna-tional Film Festival awards

"I don't even know what it was," she told reporters. "I heard clapping. You know, Lee (Michaels, Precious director) and I hadn't seen each other in a long time, and he started right in with all these inside jokes, and I was like, OK.

"We were celebrating and having little splashes, and I hadn't eaten, and that's what it was. We were

celebrating the movie and all the exciting stuff going on. There's a time for celebration and a time for not - but really technically, it's a party atmosphere. had splashes of had spiess. I champagne. I he's a bad influence." Carey was

Sean Penn and Jason Reitman. director Up In the

stage while accepting an award at the show. "I should really leave now. I don't think it gets better than that." NEWS the butt of SERVICE by jokes

Not the ride of her life

IN RECOVERY Former Desperate Housewives star Nicolette Sheridan got quite a scare when she was reportedly thrown from a horse she was riding without wearing a helmet recently, according to the National Enquirer.

The blond beauty hit her head on a fence post on the way down and had to be rushed to the hospital.

"After tests for possible internal injuries, docs stapled up the gash and sent Nicolette home," a source METRO WORLD NEWS



think it feels just as good as

Mariah Carey feels right

now," Reitman joked on-

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Maybe Hasselhoff's talent should be tested

David Hasselhoff is leaving America's Got Talent where he has served as a judge for the past four years. The former Baywatch star, who has been plagued by stories of alcohol-related rushes to the emergency room, is re-



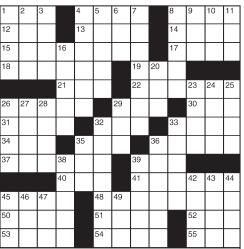
Restaurant owner by day

NEW VENTURE Former teen singer and Dancing with the Stars contestant Aaron Carter has found a new career: restaurant owner. Carter recently became part-owner of a Florida pizza place, Slice, and has started pitching his new venture on his Twitter account, referring to the restaurant as "where I am every day." "The first five fans to show up at Slice and find me will get my favorite com-



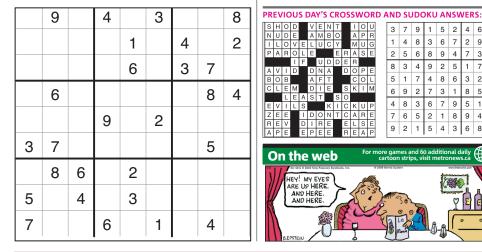


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Sudoku

HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone - one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.



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Take Five



Honey Salmon with Lima Beans and Spinach

INGREDIENTS

1 Tbsp (15 mL) canola oil 1 Tbsp (15 mL) soy sauce 2 tsp (10 mL) honey 2 tsp (10 mL) whole-grain mustard

grated zest and juice of 1 lemon

4 skinless salmon fillets 2 398-mL cans Lima beans, drained and rinsed 1 garlic clove, crushed 2 Tbsp (25 mL) olive oil pinch of crushed chili

flakes 7 oz (200 g) baby spinach,

12 cherry tomatoes

METHOD:

1. In dish, mix oil, soy sauce, honey, mustard and 1 tbsp (15 mL) lemon juice. Add salmon and turn to coat.

2. Put Lima beans and garlic in pan with olive oil, remaining lemon juice, zest and crushed chili flakes.

3. Tip damp spinach into dry frying pan and stir over low heat until wilted. Drain and set aside. Gently heat beans.

4. Heat frying pan until hot: cook salmon on both sides until just firm and pink. Add tomatoes for last minute.

5. Roughly crush beans with fork. Stir in spinach and seasoning. Divide among four serving plates. Arrange salmon and tomatoes on each. Serve at once.

SERVES 4

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ARIES

MARCH 21-APRIL 20

No matter how many times you may have failed in the past you will undoubtedly succeed today and over the weekend. Help others succeed as well.

SEPT 23-OCT 23

Let your instincts guide you today, even if they lead you in what the logical side of your brain says is the wrong direc-

TAURUS

APRIL 21-MAY 21

Cosmic activity in your fellow Earth sign of Capricorn makes this the kind of day when everything comes easy to you and self-doubt does not exist.

SCORPIO

OCT 24-NOV 22
Anyone who doubts that you are a star won't doubt it much longer. You will do something today or over the weekend that takes the world by surprise.

GEMINI

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MAY 22-JUNE 21
You like to use your head but it is possible to be too rational

On the web

HEY! MY EYES

and today you should strive to let your intuition guide you.

SAGITTARIUS NOV 23-DEC 21

You may be tempted to get up and go somewhere different, but make sure you can get back to your home base quickly.

CANCER JUNE 22-JULY 22

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If you take a genuine interest in the people you share your

life with they will take a gen-uine interest in you.

CAPRICORN DEC 22-JAN 20

All things are possible for you now. Cosmic activity in and around your birth sign encourages you to reach for whatever

star has caught your attention.

LEO JULY 23-AUG 23

You may be having a tough time coping but if you focus on your problems in the right way you will find the solutions you need

AQUARIUS

JAN 21-FEB 18

The answers you seek are not in the world "out there" but in your head and your heart and if you make an effort you will discover the key to happiness.

VIRGO AUG 24-SEPT 22

This is potentially one of the best times of the year as cosmic activity in the sympathetic sign of Capricorn makes everything seem so easy.

PISCES

FEB 19-MARCH 20

Everything is set fair for you today, but there is a danger you won't reach your full potential because your confidence is so

This day in history

1499: Louis XII of France marries Anne of Brittany. 1790: George Washington delivers the first State of the Union Address in New York City.

1835: The United States national debt is 0 for the only time.

1940: World War II: Britain introduces food rationing.

1963: Leonardo da Vinci's Mona Lisa is exhibited in the United States for the first time at the National Gallery of Art in Washing-

1973: Watergate scandal: The trial of seven men accused of illegal entry into Democratic Party headquarters at Watergate begins.

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